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1. Some time ago, the Bulgarian Militia captured Guetcho Guetchev, tortured him terribly, and finally executed him. Guetchev had been a member of a group called the "Gorianin" or "Men of the Mountains," operating in and around the district of Troyan. After this, the militia set a group of agents provocateurs to work, to catch other members of the organization, though Guetchev seems to have revealed nothing under torture.

2. A peasant [_____] who had some knowledge of the Gorianin   25X1
    organization, let himself be trapped by the Communist agents provocateurs. Under torture, he gave some information. As a result, six peasants of the same village were arrested. This led to the arrest of fifteen others, all belonging to the Gorianin group in the same general area.

3. All were hideously tortured, but the militia got no information out of the fifteen last arrested. They are supposed to be still in prison and not yet executed. Their property has been confiscated and their relatives and friends have been interrogated.

4. The militia continues to be very active in the Troyan district.

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